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DATE: September 11, 2014

TO: Fremont Library Advisory Commission

FROM: Sallie Pine, Manager of Fremont Libraries

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF MEETING: FREMONT LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Date: November 17, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94538

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Ruchi Sahota, Chair
Joe Samagond, Vice Chair
Tariq Ali

Deepak Chhabra
Chitraleka Vivek
Zafir Shaiq

Joseph Smith
Felix Lechner
Shradha Menghrajani

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| 1. Welcome and any introductions | 2 min. |
| 2. Public Comment: An opportunity for any in attendance at the meeting to address the Commission briefly on items not on the agenda | 3 min. |
| *3. Minutes of September 15, 2014 Meeting | 5 min. |
| 4. TAG Report | 15 min. |
| 5. Commissioner Reports on Activities Since Last Meeting | 10 min. |
| 6. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations | 10 min. |
| 7. Brainstorm for 2015 Activities | 20 min. |
| 8. Excused vs. Unexcused Absences | 5 min. |
| 9. Review of New FLAC member application | 10 min. |
| 10. Manager's Report, Sallie Pine | 10 min. |
| 11. Comments, Announcements and Agenda Items, Date for Next Meeting | 5 min. |
| 12. Adjournment | |

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY
FREMONT LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2014

These notes are draft in nature and will not be final until approved by the Library Commission on November 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m., by Ruchi Sahota, Chair.

FLAC Members Present

Ruchi Sahota, Chair
Shradha Menghrajani
Felix Lechner
Tariq Ali
Deepak Chhabra

Members Absent

Joe Samagond, Vice Chair
Chitrleka Vivek
Zafir Shaiq
Joseph Smith

Staff Present

Sallie Pine, Branch Manager, Fremont Libraries
Elizabeth Buchanan, Teen Services Librarian, Fremont Library
Rosa Hague, Circulation Manager, Fremont Libraries

Alina Kwak, City of Fremont Management Analyst

Welcome and Introductions

New Youth Commissioner Shradha Menghrajani introduced herself. She is a junior at Mission San Jose High School. All other Commissioners introduced themselves to the new Youth Commissioner and welcomed her.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from meeting of May 19, 2014, were approved by Commissioner Sahota without a vote.

TAG Report

Elizabeth Buchanan discussed TAG, Teen Advisory Group. She explained that the purpose of the group is to promote ownership of the library to teens, and encourage involvement. The teens promote ownership by helping with the lobby booksales, selection of CDs to be moved from Teen to Adult, and have expressed an interest in planning a video promo after seeing the "Happy" video that was created recently by one of our children's librarians. The teens help encourage involvement by making suggestions regarding programs for teens, making suggestions for Maker Spaces, and encouraging teens to get together at the library, etc. Elizabeth said she meets with TAG one time per month on the second Tuesday.

Elizabeth said that what she gets from the teens is knowledge about how schools work, and what the teens are interested in.

The new Youth Commissioner, Shradha Menghrajani, will serve as liaison between TAG and FLAC.

Commissioner's Reports On Activities

Commissioner Lechner said he would be happy to do any kind of outreach for the library.

Commissioner Sahota announced that she would be gone in January. Her term ends in December 2014, so they will need one more person.

It was decided that they would table the Speaker's Bureau issues until the next meeting. Commissioner Sahota went over the tasks of the Speaker's Bureau for the benefit of the newest commissioners. She said the duties are: creating presentations to be given to community groups, thinking of groups to present to, and then presenting to the groups.

Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Commissioner Lechner nominated Commissioner Ali for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Chhabra seconded Commissioner Ali for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Ali nominated Commissioner Samagond for position of Chair.

Commissioners will table the vote until the next meeting.

Brainstorm for 2015 Activities

Commissioner Sahota expressed happiness at having a Youth Commissioner.

- It was suggested that commissioners get the training offered by CALTAC (now CPLA: California Public Library Advocates), strategic planning, which will help guide them in the right direction.
- Increase existing branch hours (CTV, FRM night) vs. other locations (Warm Springs?)
- Revisit Library coffee cart idea (Commissioners Chhabra and Lechner volunteered to constitute a sub-committee)

All commissioners asked to bring their calendars to the November meeting.

Manager's Report

Sallie Pine spoke about Alameda County Library hiring, reporting that 2 FT librarians and 2 PT librarians (1 each for FRM adult and children's) were hired, leaving a FT librarian for FRM adult and a PT librarian for CTV to be hired at a later date. Hiring for Clerks and Pages is proceeding with interviews scheduled this month.

See also Appendix A

Comments, Announcements, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: November 17, 2014

Agenda items:

- Ballot for Chair and Vice-Chair
- CPLA training (Sallie will send link to Commissioners)
- Schedule for meetings at other Fremont libraries
- Prioritize advocacy: enhancing existing library hours vs. new location

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Appendix A: Highlights of some programming in the Fremont Libraries mid-May through mid-September

Fremont Main

For Everyone:

- In June and July, Fremont Main Library showed five 2014 FIFA World Cup matches. We showed three first round games and also the championship and runner-up games. It was quite a hit, and we plan to do more things like this, including at times when the library is not open.

Adults and Teens:

- The adults-only crafts series is a huge hit. June's event was called Sand Art, wherein an image is created with colored sand. This turned out to be quite a cultural learning event, as it is very similar to the Indian art form known as Rongoli, except that the images are made from colored rice flour.



- The second Saturdays music programs continued, with *Pilgrim* (rock, country, folk) in June, Gloria Acerboni (classical soprano) in August and *Blood and Dust* (Americana) in September.
- The Summer Reading Game, “Paws to Read”, celebrating our animal friends, was a great success. The game ran June 9 through August 9, using a bingo game format. Adults picked up their game boards at the Information Desk or at the Children’s Department and teens got theirs at the Reference Desk. Participants won prizes by reading or doing the optional activities. Each spin of the spinner wheel represented 30 minutes of reading or an optional activity.

Adult participation at Fremont was way up because this year we signed up adults at the Children's desk as well as the Information desk. Combined June, July and August adult/teen sign-ups numbered 813; of these, 648 were adults. Adults coming to the Information Desk to spin were helped by their children who did their spinning for them. Children also helped their parents choose their prize books; they selected from 32 different titles, some relating to the theme. 225 adults and teens finished the game and thus rewarded themselves with a paperback prize title. Fremont had the most participants finishing the game of any of the Alameda County library branches. Some of the popular adult selections included: "Animals Make Us Human", "Hyperbole and a Half," "Power of Habit," "What We Should Be Worried About," "Until Tuesday," and many more. So, it was an intergenerational affair.

- Karthik Raman is a first time author who presented his mystery *Twenty Years to Judgment Day* to a standing room only audience in June. Fremont's Brown Bag with an author series takes place on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- July's meeting of the Washington Township Historical Society took place at Fremont Main Library. In honor of Fremont Bank's 50th anniversary, Paul Sethy spoke about Morris Hyman and the founding of the bank which made unique and important contributions to the development of Fremont.
- The Fremont Area Writer's group held their first ever open mic and book signing on August 16th. Shown here is Jan Small, showing her works to an audience member.
- There is a new exhibit at the Marks Center: "Through the Lens of Clara Patterson: The 1900 Pilgrimage". This exhibit comes to us courtesy of Christie Dentry, Patterson House Manager. Christie will be giving a talk about this journey which is documented through Clara's photographs, letters journals at the Washington Township Historical Society Meeting to be held at the library at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22.
- The Teen/Senior Computer & Gadget Help program continues to be popular and also necessary as folks need to apply online for jobs and submit resumes to company websites. In the summer, the program is held Monday afternoons; this year from June 30 through August 18. I already took two phone calls on Wednesday, letting folks know when the next Teen/Senior program begins. (September 27 – November 15, 2014.) Our teens have also fielded more difficult questions including how to use Skype, computer applications (Word, Excel), tablets, to download items; to sign-up and use email (gmail mostly), to name just a few of the many questions folks came with. Beth has recruited bilingual speakers so our teens spoke Telegu, Hindi, Mandarin, Farsi, Burmese and Punjabi. Stats: 105 adults helped (some have come more than once). For the summer series, there were 13 teens who volunteered and we had an average of 11 present for each session.
- Algebra & Geometry Tutoring Program: Stats: 97 tutees, 7 tutors, and 1 adult coordinator. Our adult coordinator has been with the program for several years. Trained in statistics and a former McGraw Hill statistician, he could tutor if necessary. Our teen tutors were proficient in algebra and geometry, tutoring in both.
- Drive Smart: Senior Driver Traffic Safety Seminar: Attendance 58; Wish list of 15. The 3 hour seminar, held August 20, 2014, included compensating for age-related changes; driving skill tune-up; safe driving tips; a confidential self-evaluation and more. Our presenter, Officer Wilkenfeld of the California Highway Patrol, was a humorous, energetic, and engaging speaker with lots of good information. The

requirement to present this program at the Fremont Library was a minimum of 15 sign-ups; before the program was held, we had a wait list of 15, which we were fortunately able to accommodate. Those attending received a certificate of attendance which usually entitles them to an auto insurance discount. (The discount is entirely up to the insurance company.)

For Children

- SRG – PAWS TO READ – sign-ups up by about 12% overall and 30% for pre-readers. We registered parents in Children's and sign-up 515, a jump of about 75% over last year. Winners were up by about 15% also with 75% of the first prize winners going on to finish the game completely. Kid Power – 83 junior high/high school volunteers = 1299.75 hours.
- Lots of wonderful programs including Jungle James and his friends -

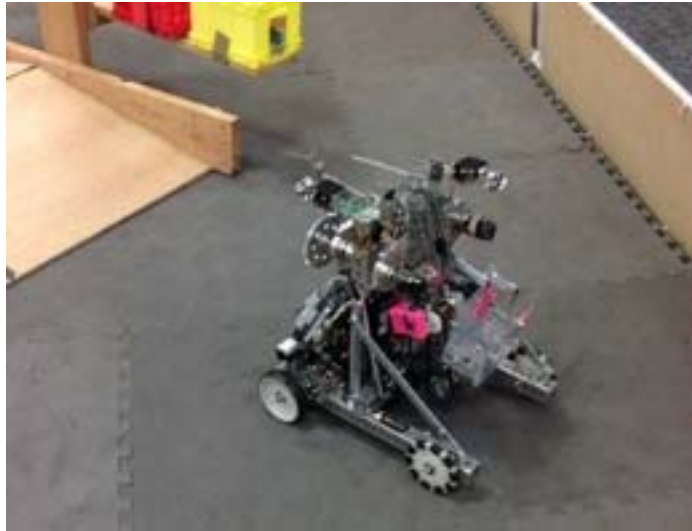


I asked the little girl on the end how the snake felt and she looked up, giggled and said that the tail got into her sandal and tickled her foot.

Juggler Dana Smith -



At the end of July, there was a program on robotics where tweens built and raced their own



Irvington

Pet Rocks at the Irvington Library were a huge success! A huge group of children waited anxiously for the doors to open and to get started on their rock. It was pandemonium for a bit getting everyone focused, paint on the pallets etc., but once they got started, it was a very creative, fun time. Here are some very creative pet rocks.







Niles

Niles' June crafts program was also a big hit. The ladies and teens at Niles Library had a great time adorning hair accessories. They were very creative and sure enjoyed the project at hand.



